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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
OPERATIONAL POLICY
TRANSPORT / TRIAGE**

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If any one member of the paramedic team, regardless of their team assignment, feels it is in the best interest of a patient to be evaluated and/or transported, the paramedic unit will evaluate and/or transport the patient.

Transport shall be to the closest, most appropriate paramedic receiving hospital. Patient needs will dictate transport to a specialty hospital. Documentation on the run report should support the decision to transport for specialty care.

Transport from the scene with lights and siren shall only be done when the paramedics are unable to stabilize the patient at the scene.

Paramedics shall never advise a patient that transport to a medical facility for examination by a physician is not necessary, or that the patient may drive or be driven in a private vehicle or by other medically unsupervised means. When a patient refuses ambulance transport, the standard for refusal of treatment/transport should be followed.

If a patient refuses care and/or transport and the paramedic team has doubts regarding that patient's ability to make a rational decision, the appropriate authority should be consulted (medical control, guardian, police, etc.).